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David R. Murtaugh Biography

David R. Murtaugh serves as the Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Director Murtaugh was appointed by Indiana's 50th Governor, Michael R. Pence in July, 2015.

Director Murtaugh has been a lifelong public servant – serving many of his years in public safety. Director Murtaugh served eight years as United States Marshal with the United States Marshals Services, after being nominated by President George W. Bush in December 2001 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in February 2002. He also served as Acting Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs in the White House Office of



National Drug Control Policy during his tenure as U.S. Marshal. Murtaugh began his career at the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office, where he moved up the ranks, serving as Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain-Commander of the Enforcement Division, and eventually as sheriff for two terms.

Prior to his current role, Director Murtaugh served the Office of United States Senator Dan Coats – first in the role as Regional Director for Northwest Indiana, then as Senior Advisor.

Director Murtaugh earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University – Northwest, and graduated from the FBI National Academy, 165th Session. Director Murtaugh currently resides in Lafayette with his wife Jenny of 34 years. They have two married adult children, and two grandchildren.

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